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1. FONMIN DENNIS HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TOLBERT TO SECRETARY KISSINGER:

2. QTE HIS EXCELLENCY HENRY KISSINGER, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

I WISH TO COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR FORTHRIGHT STATEMENT MADE IN PHILADELPHIA YESTERDAY IN WHICH YOU CONDEMNED APARTHEID AS BEING INCOMPATIBLE WITH ANY CONCEPT OF HUMAN DIGNITY. YOUR WARNING THAT TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR THE WHITE POPULATION OF RHODESIA AND SOUTH WEST AFRICA IS APPRECIATED. YOUR ADDED WARNING THAT BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF IS INEVITABLE, IS DESERVING OF OUR HIGHEST COMMENDATION FOR IN OUR VIEW THESE PRONOUNCEMENTS ARE IN HARMONY WITH THE AFRICAN ASPIRATIONS.

AS YOU PREPARE TO LEAVE FOR ZUIRCH FOR YOUR SECOND ROUND OF TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER, WE SINCERELY WISH FOR YOU SUCCESS IN THIS VENTURE IN THE CAUSE OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLES OF AFRICA FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THEIR GOD-GIVEN RIGHTS TO HUMAN DIGNITY, SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE.

WE SHALL FERVENTLY PRAY THAT MR. VORSTER WILL LET REASON PREVAIL AND SEE THE WISDOM IN PURSUING A PATH OF RECTITUDE AND THUS SAVE THE LIVES OF AN UNTOLD NUMBER OF INNOCENT AND HELPLESSBLACKS OF SOUTH AFRICA WHO ARE BEING BRUTALLY MASSACRED ONLY BECAUSE THEY DARE TO STAND OR TO SPEAK OUT FOR THEIR IN-
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ALIENABLE RIGHTS. I HAVENEVER FAVOURED BLOODSHED AND ACCORDINGLY

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IN KEEPING WITH THE LUSAKA MANIFESTO I HAVE ACTIVELY PURSUED A POLICY IN SEARCH OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEM. IT WAS IN THE HOPE THAT SOME GOOD WOULD HAVE COME OUT OF THE CONTACTS THAT I HELD TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IN MONROVIA FEBRUARY OF LAST YEAR.

THE NEW WAVE OF UPRISINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA IN SOWETO, ALEXANDRIA AND OTHER AREAS OF THE REGION DEMONSTRATE IN THE MOST VIVID MANNER THAT NO AMOUNT OF BRUTALITY BY THE OPPRESSORS CAN SUPPRESS THE DETERMINED WILL OF A PEOPLE TO BECOME FREE. THUS WHEN ALL ATTEMPTS AT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEM HAVE FAILED THE AFRICAN NATIONS ARE LEFT WITH NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO INTENSIFY THE ARMED STRUGGLE AS IS NOW BEING DONE IN A SHOW OF SOLIDARITY WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE AND SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF WHO ARE DYING AND FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS TO BE FREE AND TO BECOME THE MASTERS OF THEIR OWN DESTINIES. I AM SURE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT I CANNOT BUT BE COMPLETELY IDENTIFIED WITH THEM IN THIS ACTION OF SOLIDARITY FOR COMPLETE LIBERATION WITHOUT PROCRASTI-NATION.

THE MORE BLOOD SPILT THE DEEPER WILL BE THE MEASURE OF HATE WHICH THE BLACKS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WILL HARBOUR FOR THE WHITES AND THE LONGER WILL BE THE TIME NEEDED TO ELIMINATE FROM THEIR HEARTS THIS HATE. THE SOONER THIS CONDITION CAN BE CHANGED THE BETTER IT WILL BE FOR PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND SECURITY FOR ALL MANKIND. FOR AFTER ALL, REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR OR CREED, WE ARE ALL GOD'S CHILDREN AND MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF MAN ENTITLED TO ENJOY FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS.

AGAIN PRAYERFULLY WISHING YOU ALL SUCCESS. SINCERELY YOURS, WILLIAM R. TOLBERT, JR. UNQTE.
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